GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Replacement of Aircraft
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major percentage of number of aircraft in the country are not fully fit to fly and if so, the details thereof including number and types of aircraft with various airlines and the number of those outlived their age;

(b) whether this has come to light in a recent survey conducted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the DGCA has directed various airlines for replacement of these aircraft and if so, the details thereof including the guidelines issued in this regard;

(d) whether Air India proposes to induct more aircraft to expand its regional reach as States willing to pay the national carrier for connecting their cities with the rest of the country and if so, the details and thepresent status thereof;

(e) the number of private chartered jets/ planes registered with the Governemnt, company-wise and the manner in which these have been categories; and

(f) the guidelines in place to regulate flights of these planes and the steps proposed to be taken to manage likely increase in number of their flights in future?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) No, Madam. There are a total of 1484 aircrafts registered in the country. Out of these, a small number of only 181 aircraft do not have valid Airworthiness Review Certificate and cannot undertake flight. The details of the aircrafts including airlines aircrafts not having valid Airworthiness Review Certificate are given in Annexure "A" and Annexure "B". DGCA has not fixed any age criteria for operation of aircraft. Aircraft having valid Airworthiness Review Certificate can undertake operation irrespective of its age.

(b) Separate survey has not been carried out in this regard. The information provided above has been collected from the records already available with the DGCA.

(c) DGCA has not directed any airlines for replacement of old aircraft.

(d) Fleet expansion is an ongoing process which is need based. Alliance Air, a subsidiary of Air India has recently inducted 7 more aircrafts in its fleet which are already serving smaller routes within the country.

(e) There are a total of 328 private chartered jets/planes registered with the DGCA. Out of these, 114 are private aircraft and 214 are chartered for passenger operation (under non-schedule operator"s permit). Details are given in Annexure "C" and "D".

(f) DGCA has issued the following guidelines for regulating the operation of private chartered jets/ planes.

1. Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR), Section 3, Series C, Part lll for non-scheduled air transport services and Section 8, Series O, Part ll on Commercial Air Transport operation (which includes non-scheduled operation).

2. CAR, Section 8 Series O, Part lll on General Aviation (which includes private plane operation).